

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 22 March 2018
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

Bill Shand – Straits Settlements

Welcome: President David Millar welcomed members & guests. Two items of information were also intimated to members and guests :-

1. Chad Neighbor informed members that there would be a Stamp & Postcard fair at Broughty Ferry this coming Saturday,
2. Ron Goodfellow informed members that Aberdeen PS were holding a Postal Auction and provided a catalogue for members to use. This information is also available on the society website.

Apologies: Sandy Sloss, Robert Duguid, Alec Steele

Attendance: 14 Members and 3 Visitors

Minutes: The minutes of the 8th March 2018 were approved by Harry Jackson and seconded by Colin Campbell.

Business:

President: The next society meeting is scheduled to be the Learning Zone and we are currently short of entries, suggestions are welcomed from members.

Secretary: 1) Informed members that a thank you letter has been received from Elspeth Collins regarding the cash received from the remnants of Dennis's sales and that the cash is being donated to Children First.
2) The official opening of Discovery Walk for the Chalmers Plaque is 27th April.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Packet Secy: Now has approx.. 150 booklets to collate into packets for issue.

Librarian: David looked out books which may be relevant to tonight's display and displayed a book on Sarawak.

Publicity: Informed members that there would be a representative from ASPS at the Discovery Walk opening. Article in Courier re the last meeting but nothing in What's On.

Webmaster: Nothing to report

ASPS Rep: Asked members to volunteer to man the society desk at Congress.

Vote of Thanks: Francis Podger provided the vote of thanks congratulating Bill Shand on an excellent evening's entertainment.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 5th April 2018 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 12th April 2018 The Learning Zone

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Bill Shand from the Postal History Society was last night's visitor and he provided a display on the Straits Settlements. Bill began by explaining that the history of Straits Settlements was influenced by the Dutch, Portuguese and eventually the British, and that it consists of Penang, Malacca, Singapore and a few more islands.

The display consisted of a number of covers and a range of stamps which begins at SG1, one of which as Bill pointed out was a cover from 1832 to Newcastle. This was described as a "bit tatty round the edges" but actually had the equivalent of 10 pages of writing within it.

Three covers with different types of Spiders Web Cancellations were shown as was a cover with the rarest Penang cancellation. Bill also displayed provisional issues on Indian stamps as well as overprints and spiro forgeries. Overprints were both local and London overprints, this was due to the urgent need for stamps which were being despatched from London that local ones were created in the interim. Indeed, because Singapore ran out of 2c stamps the 8c and 32c stamps were both overprinted with the 2c. The first half of the display mainly covered QV and EDVII. Various issues shown included a \$500 stamp which was really only used for fiscal purposes.

The second half of the display covered GV and GVI stamps and covers. Included within the GV display was a definitive issue set of stamps up to \$100, a part used booklet which is hard to find and different paper shades. Also shown was an Indenture document and postcard and letters sent during WWI which were both censored and uncensored, as well as British Empire cancellation covers. The GVI display consisted of WW2 field post office stamps and postage due stamps. Airmail covers from both Imperial airways and KLM were on show as well as a cover damaged by seawater following an air crash. There were also local airway covers (Weymms Air) and a PANAM Clipper letter. Bill finished off the evening with Straits Settlements stamps on covers with British Military Administration overprints.